



# The **Salina** citizen

FALL 2009

## City Goes **Green!**

**Energy and Water Efficiency Projects completed or under way.**

### **Facility Conservation Improvement Program**

In an effort to be more energy efficient, the City of Salina is currently participating in the Facility Conservation Improvement Program (FCIP). This is a State approved Capital Improvement Program to provide energy efficient conservation measures. Nine local buildings are targeted for improvements. Most improvements consist of water and lighting upgrades, but also include contracting natural gas, programmable thermostats, consolidating gas meters, as well as some HVAC work. Phase One of these improvements was completed August 2009.

Improvements by building and the associated costs:

- Bicentennial Center: \$60,312 - Lighting and water up grades / Contracting natural gas
- Fire Station #1: \$42,942 - Lighting and water upgrades / Programmable thermostats
- Fire Station #2: \$22,016 - Lighting and water upgrades / Programmable thermostats
- Golf Course Clubhouse: \$31,759 - Lighting and water upgrades / Programmable thermostats / Consolidate gas meters
- Health Department: \$227,186 - Lighting and water upgrades / Programmable thermostats / Consolidate gas meters / Replace split system HVAC units / Remove skylight
- Memorial Hall: \$42,277 - Lighting and water upgrades / Contracting natural gas
- Police Department: \$530,580 - Lighting and water upgrades / Contracting natural gas / HVAC improvements / Controls upgrades
- Salina Community Theater: \$65,056 - Lighting and water upgrades / Programmable thermostats
- Smoky Hill Museum: \$37,971 - Lighting and water upgrades / Controls upgrades

The second phase now begins with an anticipated energy savings / water and sewer savings of all improvements to be \$1,534,327 over a 19 year period.

### **Natural Gas Bulk Purchasing**

In conjunction with the Facility Conservation Improvement Program, a bulk purchasing program of natural gas was implemented March 2009. Five buildings were selected as part of this program which included the Bicentennial Center, Memorial Hall, Police Department building, Municipal Court and Fire Station #1. This program requires a quantity of natural gas purchased monthly for each building. The guaranteed quantity is figured on a three year average, with the buyer selecting a percentage to be purchased. Any amount over the average is purchased at a higher rate, but still discounted from Kansas Gas Service rates. Since implementing the program in March, we have realized these savings.

### **Water Efficiency Measures**

The Parks and Recreation Department purchased a grass sprigging machine in 2009 which transplants warm season (Bermuda) grass into either bare or existing turf. In areas where we have automated sprinkler systems, we estimate using 50% less water compared

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*Dear Salina Citizen,*

The City of Salina is pleased to present to you the fall 2009 edition of The Salina Citizen. We hope this issue informs you about City projects, and stimulates your interest and participation in local government.

In this exciting and challenging time for our community, the City Commission and members of City staff encourage you to ask questions and make your views known!

We look forward to hearing from you and working with you to meet the challenges ahead.

Sincerely,  
Salina City Commission

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# 2010 CITY BUDGET

***A lot leaner, while still meeting your needs***

The City of Salina's 2010 Annual Budget was approved by the City Commission on August 10th. While this budget was a significant challenge, we were able to prevent a decline in the quantity and quality of services that are provided to our residents on a daily basis. The total budget for all budgeted funds in 2010 will be \$69,487,201, compared to \$69,429,380 for 2009. General Fund expenses increased from \$27,160,883 to \$29,908,189, due solely to an accounting merger with the Employee Benefits Fund. Adjusted for this change, the net General Fund budget for 2010 is only \$26,733,723, a net reduction of \$427,160.

The City continues to face significant budget challenges for 2010, related primarily to a sluggish economy and state imposed mandates. On the revenue side, sales taxes are still showing a slight decline (currently -3.8%), existing property values decreased slightly (-1.89%), and the amount of property tax generated by business personal property will continue to significantly decline once again (-\$293,000 impact) as a result of the State imposed machinery and equipment tax exemption. Investment income has also decreased substantially (est. at -\$484,226 this year; -\$1.3 million from the 2007 total) as a result of the current financial markets. Fortunately, the City's budget was helped a little by lower fuel prices and major project bids that are extremely competitive. The total budget impact to the City from these revenue challenges is approximately \$1.7 million.

Though we have seen the overall cost of living indexes actually decrease for the

first time in many years, the cost for much of our basic operating materials and maintenance equipment continues to increase. In addition, payments for debt service on previously completed capital improvement projects (i.e., streets, bridges, water and sewer, drainage, etc.) are scheduled to increase moderately (+\$578,000) in 2010 and in future years. Some of the larger projects the City recently completed or are in progress include: the North Ohio Overpass, South Ninth Street reconstruction, Ohio Street reconstruction and widening and North Broadway reconstruction. We have also budgeted for a serious look at restoring the Smoky Hill River channel that runs through the heart of the community (+\$400,000) and added an additional route (+\$105,000) to the CityGo transit system. Together, these investments total approximately \$1,083,000 and are attributable to the City's efforts to aggressively respond to our community's infrastructure repair, replacement and upgrade needs. However, streets, utility systems and drainage systems are very expensive and ours are not yet at the standard they should be.

As a result of all of these financial challenges, the 2010 Annual Budget can certainly not be considered a 'status quo' document. For example, we reduced the budget for material and services as much as possible without compromising related services, significantly reduced overtime costs for all departments, instituted a general wage and salary freeze for all City employees, included a modest increase in most user fees and charges, and increased reliance on the special sales tax for

property tax stabilization and capital expenses. While the draft budget document provided in early July included a 1<sup>1/2</sup> mill property tax increase (\$17 per year for a \$100,000 home) to balance the budget, staff was able to essentially balance the final budget version and meet the City Commission's goals without a property tax increase. This was the clear intent at that time. As a result, the City of Salina continues to have one of the lowest tax rates of any first class city in the State. It is always the City's goal to keep taxes and fees as low as possible, while still meeting our community's service expectations. Any additional revenue decline over the next few months will likely cause us to reprioritize and noticeably cut those services that most of the public has grown accustomed to. This is the tough trade-off that sometimes has to occur during the most difficult financial times.

For more information on the 2010 Annual Budget, please contact our Finance Department at 785-309-5735 or visit our webpage at [www.salina-ks.gov](http://www.salina-ks.gov).



## time to TEST YOUR water sense

How well do you understand your own water usage? Do you know how to best save water in your home? Test your knowledge with the following quiz, and find out if you're a WaterSense novice, expert, or genius!

1. **The average family of four uses approximately \_\_\_\_\_ gallons of water per day?**  
A. 50  
C. 250  
B. 100  
D. 400
2. **How much of the water on earth is available for people's everyday use?**  
A. More than 50%  
C. Less than 1%  
B. 28%  
D. 12%
3. **How much water can you save per day by turning off the tap while brushing your teeth in the morning and bedtime?**  
A. Up to 2 gallons  
C. Up to 8 gallons  
B. Up to 4 gallons  
D. Up to 6 gallons
4. **Which of the following uses less water?**  
A. Taking a five minute shower  
B. Taking a bath
5. **In the average household, which of the following wastes the MOST water per day?**  
A. Running the tap while washing dishes  
C. A leaky toilet  
B. Using a garbage disposal  
D. Long showers
6. **How much water is saved per flush with a high-efficiency toilet?**  
A. 0.6 to 1.9 gallons  
C. More than 6 gallons  
B. 2.2 to 5.7 gallons
7. **How much water used for irrigating lawns and gardens, on average, is wasted due to overwatering and evaporation?**  
A. 50%  
C. 15%  
B. 25%  
D. 10%
8. **A water-efficient irrigation system may include which features?**  
A. Drip irrigation  
C. Rain shut-off device  
B. Moisture sensors  
D. All of the above
9. **Which of the following uses less water?**  
A. Washing dishes under a running tap  
B. Washing dishes in a fully loaded automatic dishwasher without pre-rinsing
10. **Between 1950 and 2000, the U.S. population grew by 89 percent; approximately how much has our water use grown in the same period?**  
A. 200%  
C. 100%  
B. 50%  
D. 25%
11. **High-efficiency washing machines save about how much water per load compared to traditional models?**  
A. 2-5 gallons  
C. 11-13 gallons  
B. 7-10 gallons  
D. 14 gallons or more
12. **Easily corrected household water leaks account for what percentage of the average water bill?**  
A. 2%  
C. 6%  
B. 4%  
D. 8%

**Answers found on page 8**

## Bicentennial center renovations

The Bicentennial Center celebrated 30 years of service this past June. Our mission is to provide a regional hospitality center for events that will stimulate the Salina economy and enhance the quality of life for the community and region. The facility has hosted many concerts, trade shows, athletic events and conventions almost too numerous to count. Many of these activities are not only enjoyed by residents, but are beneficial to hotels, restaurants and other businesses since they bring outside revenue and tax dollars into our local economy. We estimate that our annual economic impact to the community is over \$15 million.



**New meeting room sneak peek**

This multifunctional facility is now getting a well-deserved face lift. The City hired the local architectural firm of Jones Gillam Renz for design, with first phase construction provided by Cheney Construction Company. Heritage Hall and the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting rooms and restrooms will be addressed in Phase I. Work on the second floor rooms includes: fire suppression and alert systems; heating and ventilation systems; full accessibility compliance; sound, lighting and technology equipment; and new wall, floor and ceiling finishes. For Heritage Hall, first phase work includes full floor and wall treatments. Phase II of the

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# New OnLine crime Reporting and Crime Mapping services

**Available on Police Website**

## Online Citizen Reporting

On May 1st, the City of Salina launched CopLogic, a bilingual online citizen reporting service which makes filing police reports much easier and faster. The CopLogic program allows citizens to file certain police reports (minor thefts, lost property, vandalism, vehicle burglary and crime tips) at their convenience from the comfort of their own home or from any internet point. In addition to English, citizens may also access the program in Spanish. Additional languages, to include Vietnamese, Korean, Thai and Lao, will be added in the near future.

Salina police officers handle on average 3,000 citizen calls for service each month, which must be prioritized so that emergencies are responded to in a quick and efficient manner. While the average officer response time to the scene of an emergency is four minutes, during periods of peak demand, the response to non-emergency calls may be delayed an hour or more. By filing a police report online, citizens will not have to wait for an officer to respond and will automatically receive a copy of their police report via email.

A report can be filed online if the following criteria are met:

1. The crime occurred within the city limits of Salina;
2. The suspect is unknown or cannot be described;
3. The value of property taken or vandalized is less than \$1,000; and
4. The incident is not an emergency.

Emergencies should always be reported by calling 9-1-1. Non-emergency criminal

activity that does not fit the criteria for online reporting will continue to require an officer response by calling 826-7210 (24 hours/day).

The system is user friendly, requiring the filer to complete a series of basic questions about the incident, and send the information to the police department. The electronic report will be reviewed by police personnel and, when approved, the reporting party will receive a copy of the report via email, free of charge. The report will automatically merge into the police department records management system, where it will receive the same investigative and statistical analysis as if the report had been filed by a police officer.

This system eliminates the need for a patrol car to respond to minor and "no suspect" calls, and keeps officers free to handle priority assignments, while still recording the incident and collecting reportable data for additional investigation, statistical analysis and mandatory reporting requirements.

## Crime Mapping Service

A new online crime mapping service debuted on July 1<sup>st</sup> that provides the citizens of Salina with easy to read incident crime maps and automated crime alerts. The service, which may be accessed directly from the Salina Police Department website at [www.pd.salina.com](http://www.pd.salina.com), provides near real-time neighborhood crime data and is available now.

The crime mapping/alerting service is free to the public and allows citizens to receive automatic daily, weekly or monthly email alerts if/when crimes occur near their home, office, local school, etc. Citizens can also view reported crime activity on an easy to use



map from any location within the corporate city limits of Salina. Crime incident data is updated nightly and includes:

- Incident type
- Date
- Location
- Distance from citizen's address
- Event identification/case number
- Brief crime incident description

"This crime mapping service will prove particularly valuable to those in our community who want to stay abreast of what is occurring in their neighborhoods, and it will empower citizens to work closely with the police department to address neighborhood crime issues," said Chief Jim Hill.

"Our citizens understand that crime is not solely a police problem, but a community problem, and they've never hesitated to step forward and help their police department keep Salina safe. We anticipate that this medium will help raise awareness in our city and further enhance the sharing of information between law enforcement and the public," Hill said.

Online reporting and crime mapping represent innovative law enforcement programs utilized to provide the citizens of Salina with high quality, cost effective police service. Both services can be accessed directly from the Salina Police Department website at [www.pd.salina.org](http://www.pd.salina.org).

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to the cool season (fescue) varieties. Two baseball/softball fields were converted this year with an estimated savings of approximately \$2,300 on water bills annually since warm season grasses rely on less moisture than cool season varieties. Cost of these two conversions was \$3,000.

The six fairways on the First Tee par three course were also sprigged with Bermuda at a cost of \$5,000, including labor. The area is approximately four acres and will reduce irrigation by 50%, an annual reduction of 750,000 gallons. This will result in a savings of \$350 in electrical pumping costs. Since we pump directly from underground wells, there would be no direct savings of treated water, but would save an equivalent of \$4,642 annually.

In three areas that have cool season grasses with automated irrigation systems, we added "smart irrigation" systems. The smart controller collects local weather data by either an on-site weather station or through wireless connection to the weather reporting station at the airport. The amount of water is automatically adjusted to the weather. The median on Phase IV of South 9<sup>th</sup>, Magnolia Soccer Complex and the Water Plant with these systems are expected to have an estimated reduction of 25% in annual water use.

Three water spray fountains that run water to waste have been shut off in a step to reduce water consumption. These fountains are located in Kennedy, Oxbow and Oakdale Parks.

**Wastewater Plant Turbo Compressors**

The City of Salina is eligible to receive a direct formula grant of \$201,700 as part of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. This is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, investing in the most cost effective, clean and reliable technologies available with eligible activities, including retrofits of existing facilities to improve energy efficiency.

Replacing two of the existing fixed speed centrifugal compressors at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with variable speed turbo compressors will increase energy efficiency and reduce energy costs and fossil fuel emissions. A turbo compressor utilizes non-contact electromagnetic bearings and a high speed rotor, which operates totally without lubrication and without contact. Variable speed control keeps the machine at optimal operating efficiency at all times, maximizing energy utilization.

Total project cost is \$215,000 which results in a cost to the City of \$13,000. Energy cost savings is estimated to be \$25,000 to \$45,000 per year over the 20 year life of the turbo compressor. This energy cost savings varies due to variations in wastewater loadings and increases in power costs. Pay back of the total project cost is estimated to be approximately seven years, based on estimated power cost.

**LED Traffic Light Replacements**

The first two phases of a multi-phase project to replace traffic signal lights was completed in 2008. Traffic control signal light bulbs at fifteen intersections were retrofitted with LED lights, replacing the incandescent bulbs. Cost for these bulbs ranges from \$68 to \$119 per bulb compared to approximately \$6 for the old style. These new bulbs are warranted for 10 years compared to a one year life span for the old bulbs. Cost of the first two phases of replacing 518 bulbs was \$42,135. The LED bulbs use approximately 90% less energy than the originals in addition to the labor savings from fewer man hours to change bulbs annually. The third phase, scheduled to be completed by the end of the year, includes replacing bulbs at eight intersections, with an estimated cost of \$19,616.


Together we can make a difference for our Salina of the future by being aware of our green options of today.

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project will address the completion of Heritage Hall, renovation of the main lobby and the main floor restrooms. These renovations will enable the Bicentennial Center to be more multi-functional and incorporate new meeting technologies. Our ability to network outside the building will allow us to host both small and large meetings, while opening up the facility as a major training hub for the region. Our objective is to use this facility to attract as many people as possible to our community.

During the construction of the first two phases, we will be completing a feasibility review of other building priorities. This review will set the stage for additional facility improvements to be completed. We have chosen to construct our renovations in phases so that we can continue to meet current obligations while construction is taking place. While we will move as fast as we can, we also ask for patience over the next few months due to the inconvenience caused by construction activities. We are convinced that when all of our renovations are finished, the Bicentennial Center will continue to be one of Salina's primary economic engines for entertainment, training and tourism for many years to come.

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# salina's CAPITAL improvement program

*Putting orange barrels to good use!*

A city's capital improvement program (CIP) is one of the most important elements of municipal government. The reason is simple. This is what dictates how a major part of your taxes are invested to build a better community for everyone. Like 2008, we expect 2009 and 2010 to be extremely active years, with numerous street projects to be under construction throughout town. 2009 also offers an additional investment of \$1 million from special sales tax funds for needed roadway improvements. This significant increase in funding was determined by the City Commission to be needed as we continue to maintain and enhance our local street network.

Our CIP strategy is consistent with past years.

- Maintain the capacity and function of essential facilities serving the overall city
- Upgrade public facilities in areas where deficiencies may exist
- Provide new and expanded facilities in locations experiencing growth and development.

We believe the CIP is one of the primary tools for shaping our community. That is why we are constantly soliciting your input and advice.

Below are some of the projects expected to be either completed or under construction in 2009, those planned for 2010 and 2011, and a few major projects.

## **Fire Department Headquarters Remodel (2010)**

- Redesign living and working spaces for fire personnel
- Eliminate overcrowded conditions
- Provide ADA accessibility and adequate visitor facilities
- Provide secure and safe EMS areas

## **Traffic Control (2009)**

- Traffic Signal Upgrades to LED and Battery Backup (various locations)

## **Wastewater Pump Stations and Force Main Maintenance Projects (2009-2010) \$**

- Rehabilitation of two wastewater pump stations
- Replace force main at five wastewater pump stations
- Abandon one wastewater pump station and install gravity sanitary sewer

## **Water Treatment Plant Maintenance Projects (2009 - 2010)**

- Replace two CO<sub>2</sub> tanks
- Rehabilitation of Pneumatic Bulk Chemical Unloading System
- Sandblast and paint two softening basin mechanisms
- Replacement of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System
- Replacement of North Filter Building / Monitoring Area Roof

## **Water System Engineering Studies (2009 - 2010)**

- Raw Water Supply Study to identify additional raw water supplies to meet the City of Salina's future water needs through the year 2060
- Water Distribution System Modeling-Phase II to define existing system deficiencies and to propose improvements to provide service to planned growth areas through 2030.
- Downtown Wellfield Improvement Design
- South Wellfield Improvement Feasibility Study

## **South Ninth Street Phase IV Corridor Improvements (2009 - 2010) 400' south of Belmont Blvd. to approx. 150' south of Riffel Dr.**

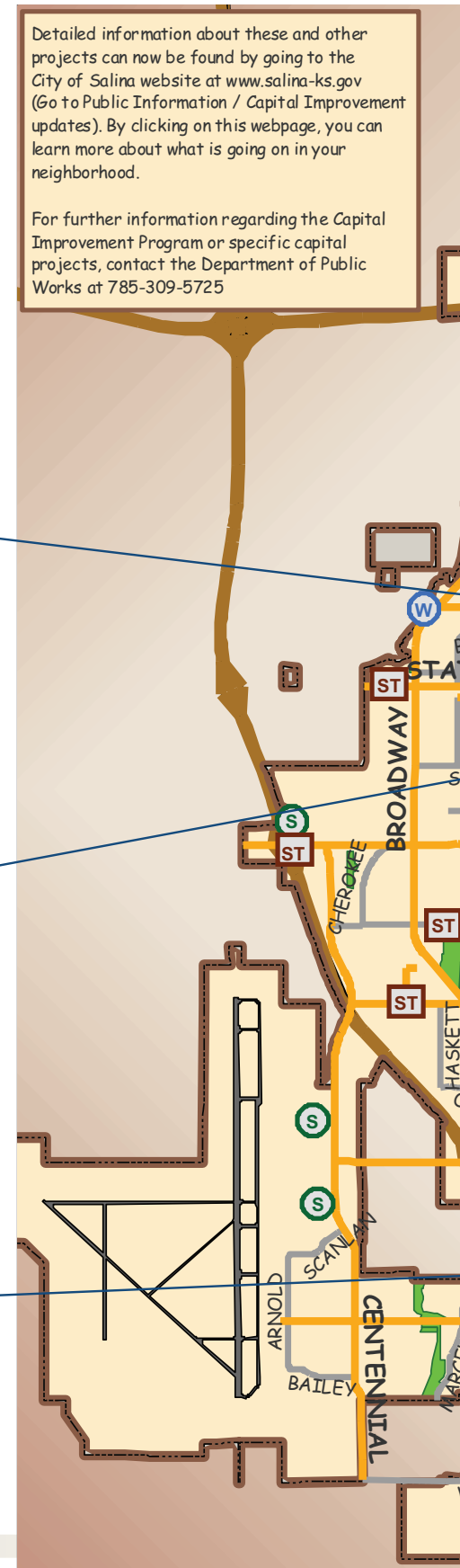
- Replacing pavement, signals, and lighting
- Narrowing median from Avenue A to Debold Avenue
- Adding curb and gutter, raised median, landscaping and art
- Adding sidewalks on Ninth and on Schilling Road to Ohio Street

## **Manhole and Wastewater Pump Station Maintenance Projects (2009)**

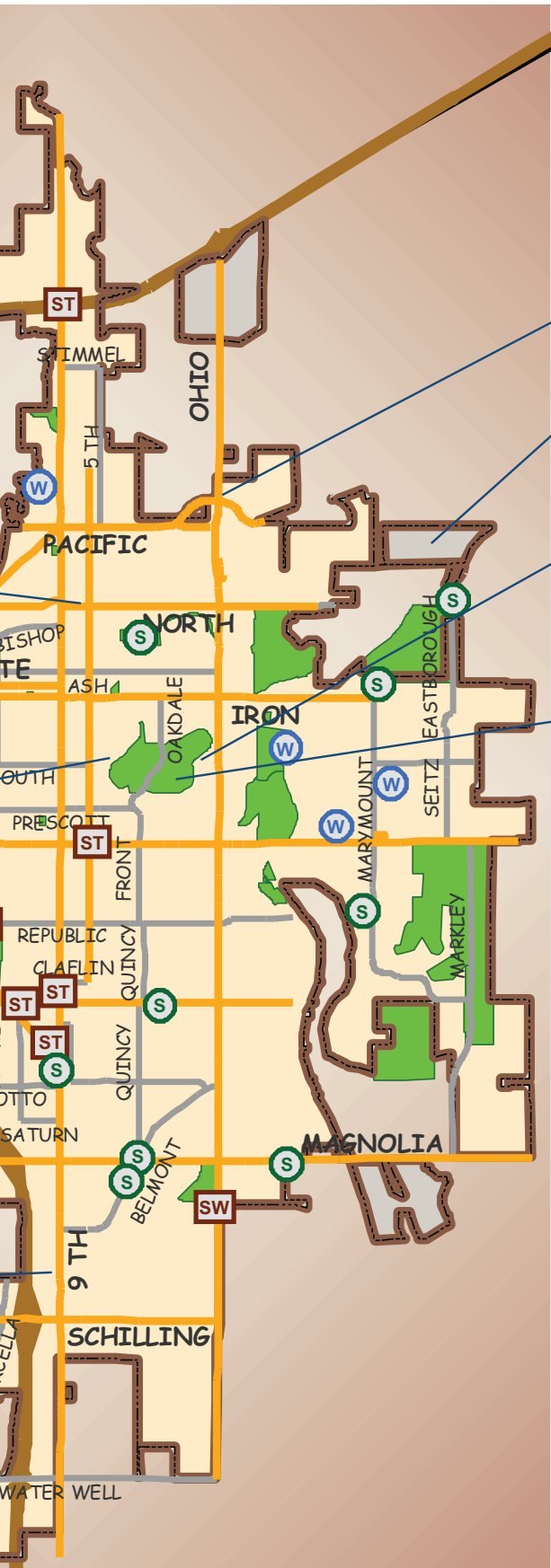
- Install protective lining at fifty-three manholes on the East Dry Creek Interceptor
- Install discharge piping and repair protective lining in eight major wastewater pump stations
- Install protective lining at fifty-three manholes (Various Locations)

Detailed information about these and other projects can now be found by going to the City of Salina website at [www.salina-ks.gov](http://www.salina-ks.gov) (Go to Public Information / Capital Improvement updates). By clicking on this webpage, you can learn more about what is going on in your neighborhood.

For further information regarding the Capital Improvement Program or specific capital projects, contact the Department of Public Works at 785-309-5725







#### **Waterline Maintenance Projects** (2008) **W**

- Aullwood Rd from Glen Ave to Brookwood Ave
- Aspen Rd from Starlight Dr to Crawford St
- Antrim Ave from 10th St to 11th St
- North St from Dike to Broadway Blvd
- Smoky Hill River Crossing

#### **East Pacific Avenue Corridor Improvements** (2007 - 2010)

- Upgrade street / drainage system from rural to urban
- Add southwest connection to N. Ohio Overpass

#### **Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Projects** (2009 - 2010)

- Installation of a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System
- Rehabilitation of Screw Pump D
- Replacement of slide gates at Headworks and U.V. building
- Rehabilitation of the Digester Complex

#### **Greeley Avenue Bridge Replacement** (2009 - 2010)

- Replacing 45 year old bridge over the old Smoky Hill River channel with pre-fabricated arch structure
- New bridge will be aesthetically enhanced with lighting and art
- New sidewalks will extend from the bridge to Ohio Street
- 80% funded by KDOT

#### **Aquatic Park** (2009 - 2010)

- Construct 11.4 million dollar Family Aquatic Park on site of the old football field in Kenwood Park
- 25,000 square feet of water surface to include: Lap Pool with Diving Well, Zero Entry Wave Pool, 600 plus feet Lazy River, 5 Large Slides, Childrens Area, River Slide
- Construction to be completed May 2010

#### **Streetscape and Entryway Enhancements** (2006 - 2009) **ST**

- Landscaping at I-70 / Ninth and I-135 / Crawford interchanges
- Replacing and landscaping I-70 / Ninth Street medians
- Attractive wayfinding signage to help motorists find local attractions on Crawford Street, Ninth Street and Downtown
- More than \$250,000 KDOT funding for the project

#### **Southeast Salina Wastewater and Waterline Extensions** (2009-2010)

- Design and construction of wastewater and water systems to provide capacity and for growth to existing homes and undeveloped areas near the intersection of Markley and Magnolia Roads

#### **Street Maintenance** (2009) **ST**

- Mill / Overlay
- State (Broadway west to City limits)
- Broadway (9th to Cloud)
- Cloud (Broadway to 9th)
- Crawford (9th to 2nd)
- Cloud (Broadway to Westwood)
- 9th (Cloud to Claflin)
- Micro-surfacing
- 18 locations throughout the City
- Railroad Crossing Upgrades
- Republic at Hancock
- Other projects to be determined

#### **Sidewalk Ramps / Sidewalks** (2009)

- Connectivity and Accessibility Enhancements **ST**
- Sidewalks
- S Ohio (Jerry Ivey Park to Piercy Ct)
- Sidewalk Ramps - Various Locations

#### **Wastewater Collection System Maintenance** (2009) **S**

- Front Street sanitary sewer (Pine to Ash)
- Replacement of three manholes
- Replacement of six wastewater pumps

## Answer Key:

1. D: The average person uses 100 gallons of water each day – that's enough to fill 1,600 drinking glasses.
2. C: About 75 percent of the earth's surface is covered by water, but less than 1 percent of this is available for people to use.
3. C: The average bathroom faucet flows at a rate of 2 gallons per minute; by simply turning the tap off, you can save more than 100 gallons of water per person each month.
4. A: Taking a five minute shower uses 10 to 25 gallons of water, while a full tub requires about 70 gallons.
5. C: A leaky toilet can waste about 200 gallons of water every day!
6. B: If your toilet is from 1992 or earlier, you probably have an inefficient model that uses 3.5 to 7 gallons per flush. New high-efficiency models use less than 1.3 gallons per flush – that's 60 to 80 percent less water than their less efficient counterparts.
7. A: Water-efficient irrigation systems help save water, potentially more than 11 billion gallons per year across the United States. This is equal to the amount of water used by 3,200 garden hoses flowing constantly for one year!
8. D: Look for sprinklers that produce droplets-not mist. Systems with rain shutoff devices and moisture sensors reduce excess watering and runoff.
9. B: To waste the least amount of water in the kitchen, operate your automatic dishwasher when it's fully loaded.
10. A: With demand outstripping supply, 36 states anticipate some degree of water shortage by 2013.
11. D: High-efficiency washing machines use less than 27 gallons of water per load, compared to traditional models that use an average of 41 gallons.
12. D: Leaky faucets that drip at the rate of one drip per second can waste up to 3,000 gallons of water each year.

## Policy of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability

The City of Salina does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs or activities.

The Director of Human Relations has been designated to coordinate compliance with nondiscrimination requirements contained in section 35-107 of the Department of Justice regulations. Information concerning the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the rights provided thereunder are available from the ADA coordinator.

## we're at YOUR service

In order to serve you better, City staff maintains a computerized Citizen Service Request (CSR) system. This system assists staff in expediting and effectively responding to citizen concerns.

If you have questions or service requests, please contact the City Manager's office at (785) 309-5700. You may also send questions or requests via our e-mail link on the City of Salina's official municipal website: [www.salina-ks.gov](http://www.salina-ks.gov)

## Scoring:

**9 or more questions correct:** Congratulations, you're a WaterSense genius! You understand that water is a precious resource that must be used more efficiently.

**6-8 questions correct:** You're a WaterSense expert!

**Less than 6 questions correct:** You're a WaterSense novice. But that means there's room for improvement! To learn more about why water efficiency is important and how you can become more water-efficient, visit the WaterSense Web site at [www.epa.gov/WaterSense/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/index.htm).

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